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<b>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT</b> <i>(Use several sheets if necessary)</i>		FIRST NAMED INVENTOR Hisashi OHTSUKI et al.	
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## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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		DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	COUNTRY	TRANSLATION YES NO		ENGLISH ABSTRACT
	AG	50-131121	10-1975	Japan		X	
	AH	06-312601	11-1994	Japan		X	X
	AI	11-182642	07-1999	Japan		X	X
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## OTHER REFERENCES (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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**ATTACHMENT 1(e)**

<b>EXPLANATIONS OF RELEVANCY OF REFERENCES</b>	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	APPLICATION NO.
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Japanese Document No. 50-131121 listed as Item AG on the present PTO Form 1449 discloses a forging aluminum alloy flange (a), in which a fiber flow (6) in an end face (4) of a hub (1) is set to conform to a fiber flow (7) of an aluminum alloy pipe (e) welded with the end face (4). The fiber flow (6) of the hub (1) is not exposed on a surface of the hub (1).

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## ATTACHMENT 1(g)

<b>LIST OF ADDITIONAL SUBMITTED DOCUMENTS</b>	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	APPLICATION NO.
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It is requested that the Examiner acknowledge his consideration of document(s) below-listed by initialing same in the space provided adjacent each such application and that the Examiner sign and date this form at the bottom thereof to confirm such consideration having been given.

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	BE	Interrogatory with Reconsideration Report by the Examiner before Appeal issued May 27, 2008 in the corresponding Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-317862 (3 pages)		X

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